

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

California is home to some of the world's most dynamic and remarkable women. They exhibit a fantastic array of talents, and play an invaluable role in our society's success, both in the workplace and in the home. With all of their exceptional abilities, they are also susceptible to a variety of unique health problems, which is why I'm proud to join the California Department of Health Services in observing this May as Women's Health Month.

Our state's policies, coupled with first-rate research and healthcare institutions, have helped California lead the nation in providing cutting-edge services that help advance women's health. Improved breast and lung cancer rates, increased participation in important prenatal care programs and a dramatic decline in California's teen birth rate attributed to increased access to contraception are only a few of our state's achievements. However, many women are still affected disproportionately by diseases such as osteoporosis, intimate partner violence, breast cancer, Chlamydia, depression, autoimmune diseases such as lupus and multiple sclerosis, as well as health burdens associated with the reproductive system and childbirth. Women's Health Month is an excellent occasion to shine the spotlight on these challenges and to improve our ability to treat or prevent them.

The theme for Women's Health Month is "Inspire," and I urge Californians to do all they can to promote quality health services that will protect, heal and inspire the women of our state. I also encourage our female population to stay fit and healthy by choosing to eat good foods, get plenty of exercise, visit the doctor for annual physicals and seek early treatment for health needs. Through taking special care of their bodies, women not only protect their own well-being, they also inspire those around them to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 2007, as "Women's Health Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of April 2007.

Handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Debra Bowen in black ink.

Debra Bowen
SECRETARY OF STATE

